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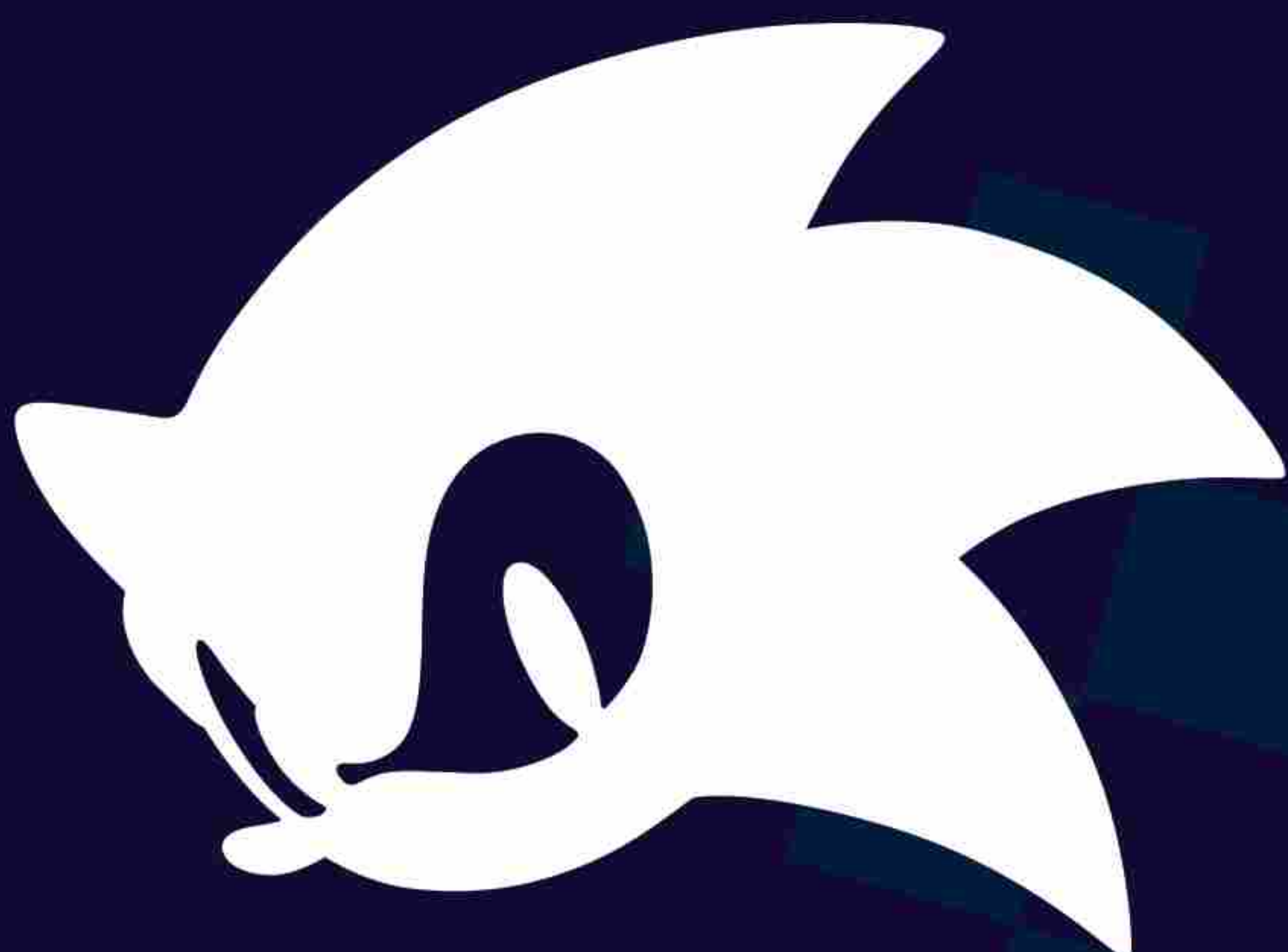
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER
Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



JEWEL THE BEETLE
Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.



BELLE THE TINKERER
Clumsy Marionette.
Enthusiastic new-comer.



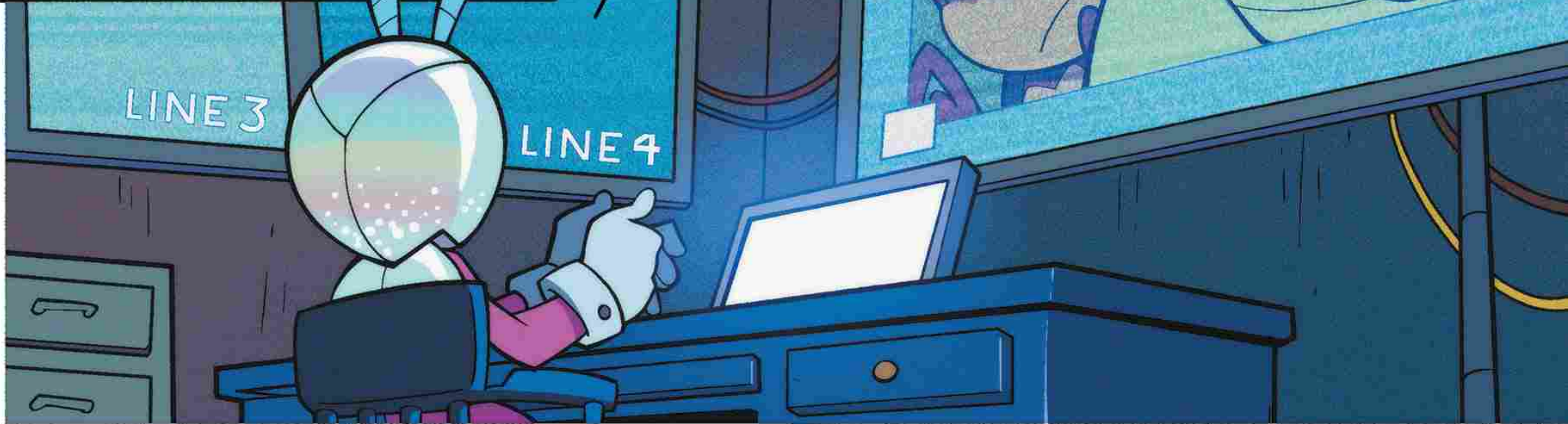
THE DEADLY SIX
Zeti from Lost Hex.
Zavok, Zik, Zazz, Zeena, Zomom, Zor.



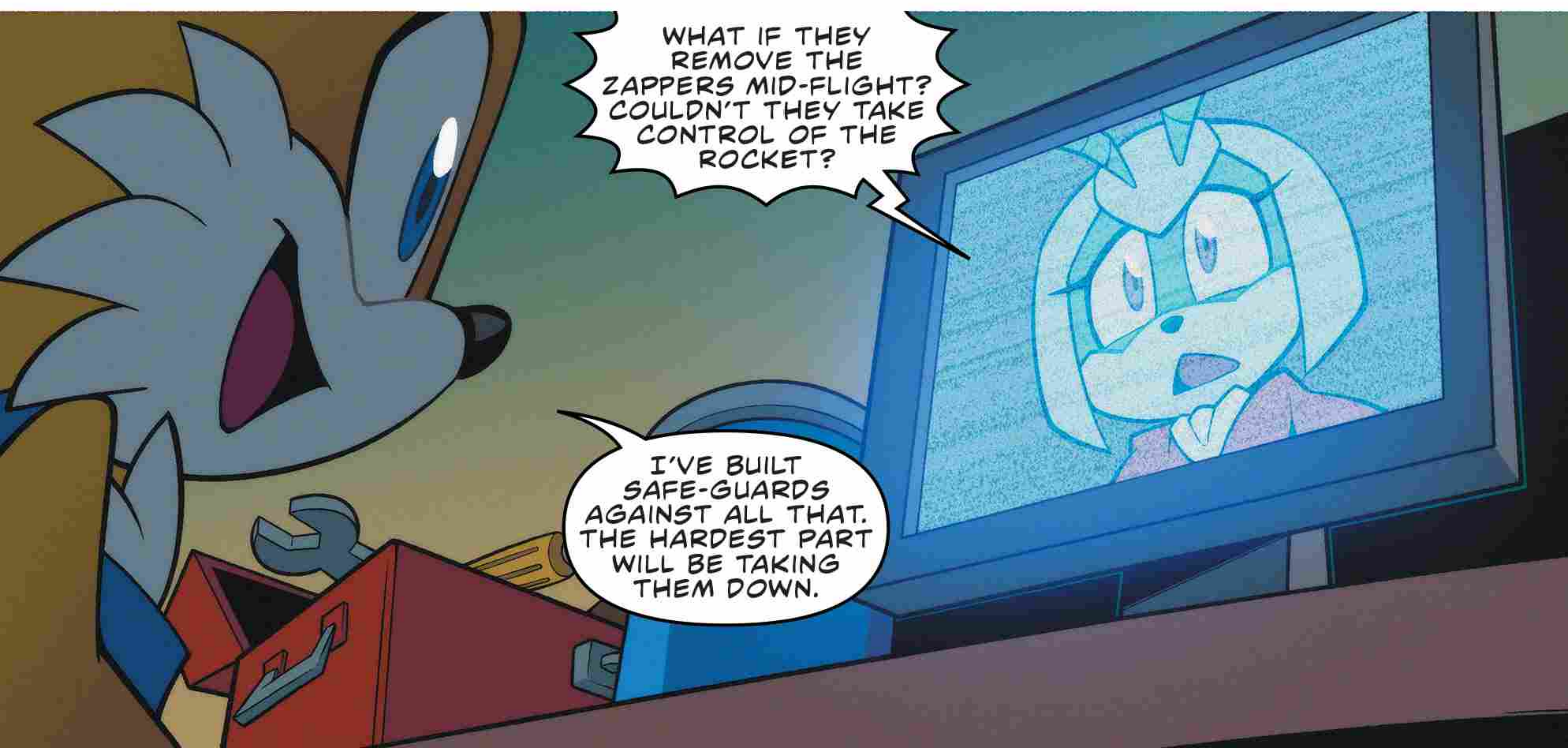
THE CHAOTIX
Ace Detective Agency.
Charmy, Vector, Espio.



DR. STARLINE
Theatrical Bad Guy.
Former Eggman lackey.









YOU CAN TRUST IN TAILS'S TECH, JEWEL.

ALL RIGHT. I'LL KEEP EVERYONE UPDATED HOURLY.

RELAX, JEWEL. IT'LL BE FINE.



THE RESTORATION HAS WORKED SO HARD TO REBUILD.

I THINK EVERYONE WANTS TO FORGET THE METAL VIRUS WAS EVEN A THING. LIKE WE ALL WOKE UP FROM A BAD DREAM...



I'LL MAKE SURE OF THAT. I JUST FINISHED SAVING THIS TOWN FROM EGGMAN. I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET THOSE JERKS TEAR IT DOWN.



...BUT THAT'S HARD TO DO WITH ZAVOK'S CREW CAUSING HAVOC AND EGGMAN UP TO HIS USUAL MESS.*

ALL I NEED NOW IS FOR THE BABYLON ROGUES TO SHOW UP. OR WORSE...

"...THAT EGGMAN
GIGA-FANBOY,
STARLINE."

EMERALDVILLE
RUINS.

I CONSIDER
PATIENCE ONE
OF MY VIRTUES,
BUT EVEN I HAVE
MY LIMITS. I HAVE
WORK TO DO!

WHILE THE
ENCOUNTER
WAS BRIEF AND...
DISARMING... I
COULDN'T HELP BUT
TAKE NOTE OF THE
BADNIK AMONG
SONIC'S
FRIENDS.*

*STH #36
-EDS.

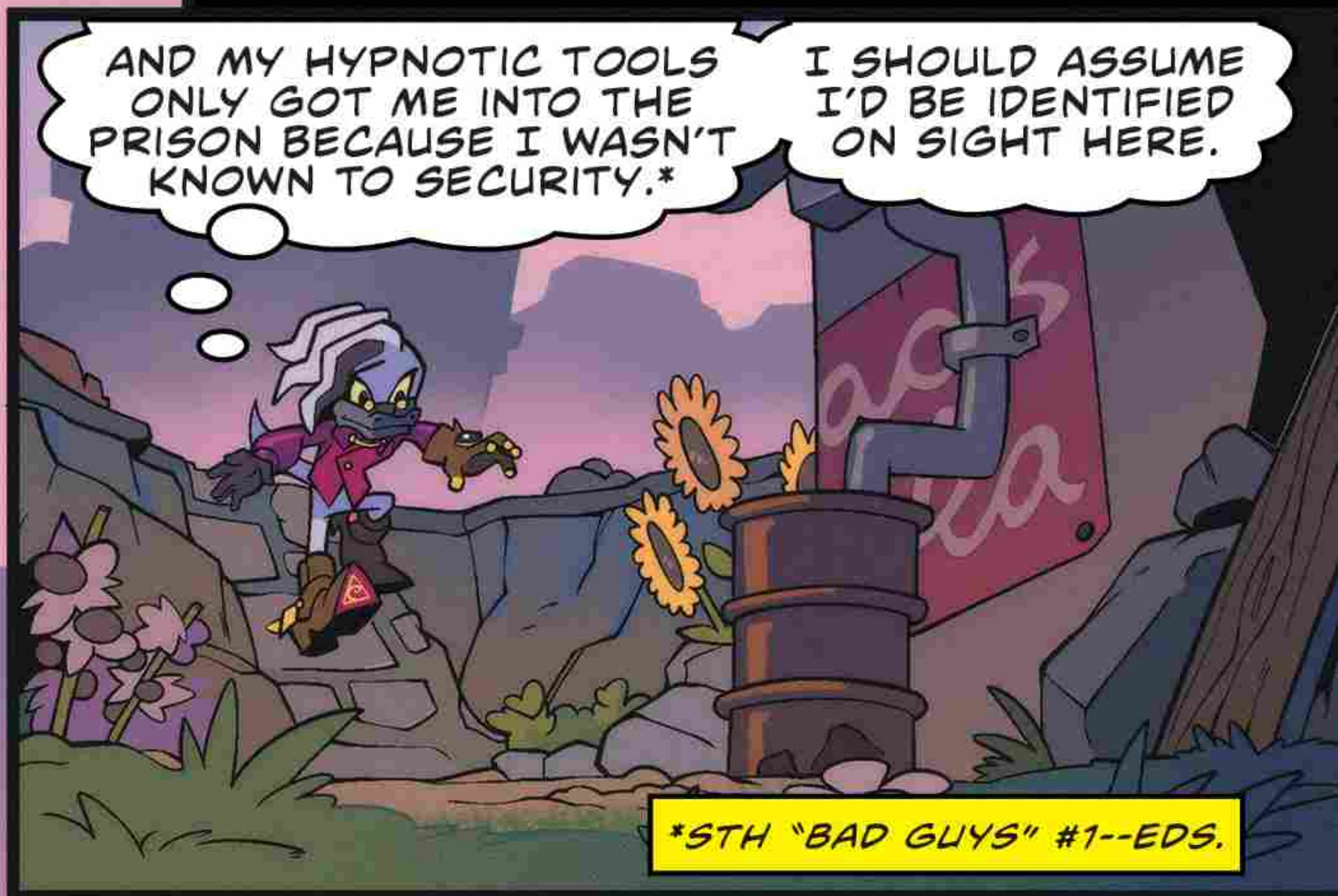
THE CONSTRUCTION
WAS UNORTHODOX BUT
UNDENIABLY EGGMAN
QUALITY. PERHAPS BUILT
DURING HIS "TINKER"
PERIOD?

SUCH A
UNIQUE CREATION,
UNLIKE ANYTHING
ELSE OF HIS! ALL OF
THE INSIGHTS AND
NUANCES I COULD
OBTAIN BY STUDYING
THEM...!

...IF I COULD
ONLY ACQUIRE
THEM. WHICH I
CAN'T. BECAUSE
THEY'RE STASHED IN
RESTORATION HQ.
WHICH I CAN'T
ACCESS EITHER.



MY TRICORE
WOULD BE
POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO STORM
THE FACILITY, BUT
THAT'S DR. EGGMAN'S
STYLE. NOT MINE. I'M
TRYING TO BE
BETTER.



AND MY HYPNOTIC TOOLS
ONLY GOT ME INTO THE
PRISON BECAUSE I WASN'T
KNOWN TO SECURITY.*

I SHOULD ASSUME
I'D BE IDENTIFIED
ON SIGHT HERE.

*STH "BAD GUYS" #1--EDS.



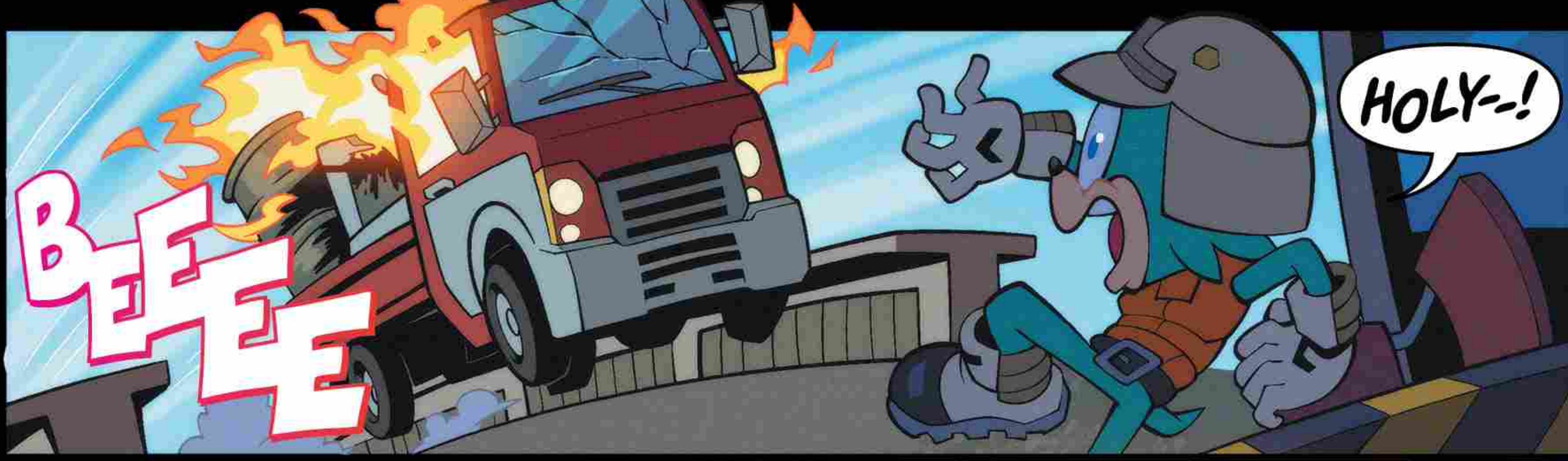
NO, I NEED
TO MINIMIZE MY
CONTACTS. I'VE
SEEN PEOPLE ENTER
THIS SHED, BUT NEVER
LEAVE. PERHAPS
THERE'S A TRAP
DOOR OR...



EUREKA! BUT
THERE'S NO TIME TO
CELEBRATE. I MUST
BE EXCEEDINGLY
CAUTIOUS.

I DIDN'T
HAVE THE
LUXURY OF
ESTABLISHING
ANY KIND OF
DISTRACTION...







THIS IS
WHAT THEY
BUILT FOR
THEMSELVES?

WHERE DO
WE START?
GIMME A
TARGET! ANY
TARGET!



TEAR IT
DOWN.
TEAR
IT ALL
DOWN.



WOO-HOO-HOO-YEAH!



GIMME
ALL THE
TOPPINGS!
ALL THE
FLAVORS!



WHAT ARE
THOSE?!

SHH!
THEY WON'T
FIND US
HERE!





PREPARE FOR
BATTLE! THEIR
DEFENSES HAVE
ARRIVED!



BWOSH

BWOSH



CRACK

CRACK



EVERYONE!
TO ME!

WE WILL
FIGHT THEIR
SOLDIERS AS
ONE!



WHERE ARE THE REST? ARE THEY LYING IN WAIT?

HEH-HEH! NO, I THINK THAT'S ALL THERE IS.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD CHERISH PEACE. THEY LIVE IN COMPLACENT HARMONY, ONLY DISTURBED BY EGGMAN'S OCCASIONAL FIT OF MADNESS. ON THOSE OCCASIONS, THEY RELY ON THEIR HEROES.

OTHERWISE, THEY SEE NO NEED TO PREPARE FOR VIOLENCE.



THEN... WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE TAKES THEIR STUFF? OR PICKS A FIGHT, OR WHATEVER?

THEY SIMPLY DON'T. THEY ARE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO EACH OTHER.

GROSS. THAT'S GROSS. I HATE HOW GROSS THAT IS.



THEN WE MARCH STRAIGHT TO THE HEART OF THEIR OPERATIONS...

...AND RIP IT OUT.





ZAVOK
IS ALIVE?!
AND HERE?!
NOW?!



NO, NO...
SERENITY NOW...
FEAR IS THE
MIND-KILLER...

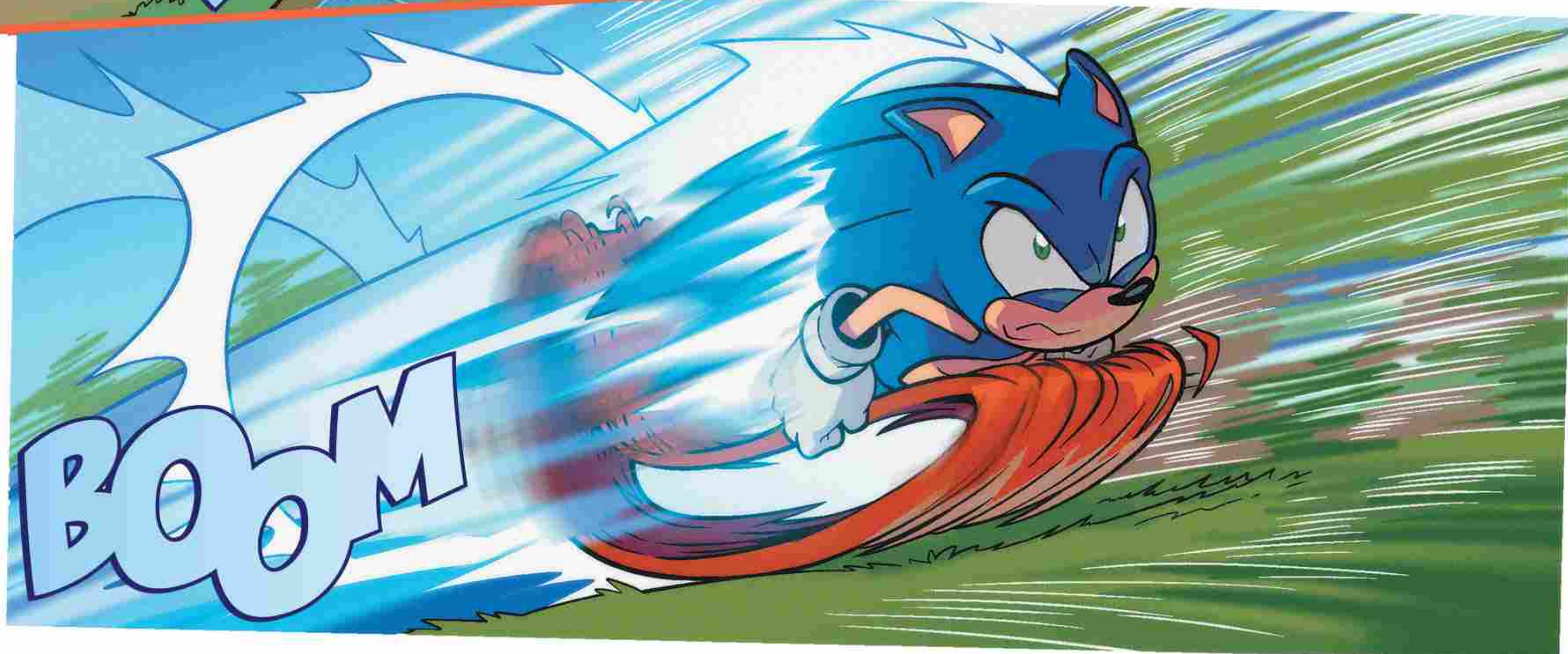
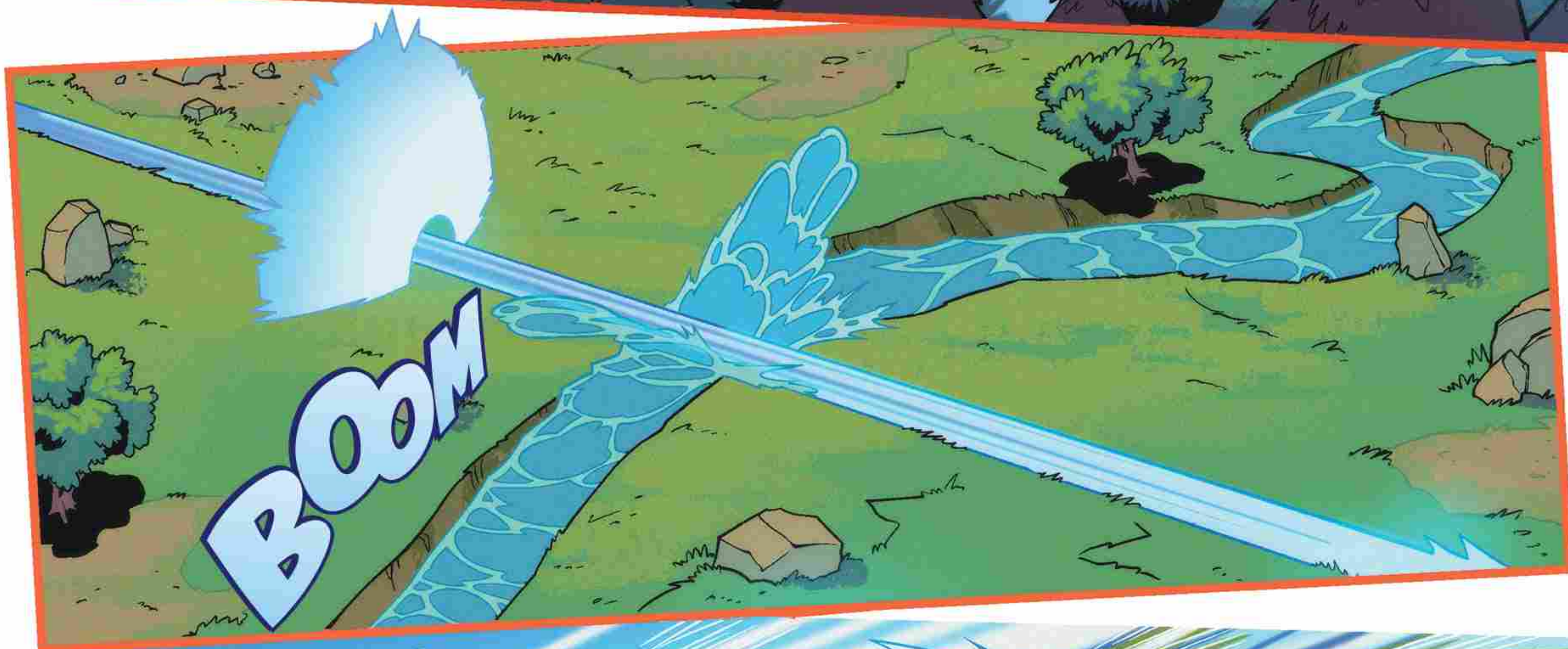


THIS...
COULD BE A BOON,
ACTUALLY. WHILE
THOSE MONSTERS
TERRORIZE EVERYONE
ELSE, I CAN MOVE
ABOUT MORE
FREELY.



IT
WOULDN'T DO
TO GET CAUGHT
BY ANYONE,
THOUGH. I MUST
BE SWIFT AND
ATTENTIVE...







GRRR...
NO CONTROL
ROOM AND
NO FOOD!
THIS PLACE
SUCKS!



THEN
YOU WANT
TO LEAVE
AND TELL THE
OTHERS THIS
ROOM CAN BE
IGNORED.

YEAH...
OK...



THAT'S NEVER
WORKED SO
WELL...



FAR OUT,
MAN! YOU
TOTALLY SAVED
THE DAY!



DON'T!
THAT'S DR.
STARLINE!
HE'S A BAD
GUY!

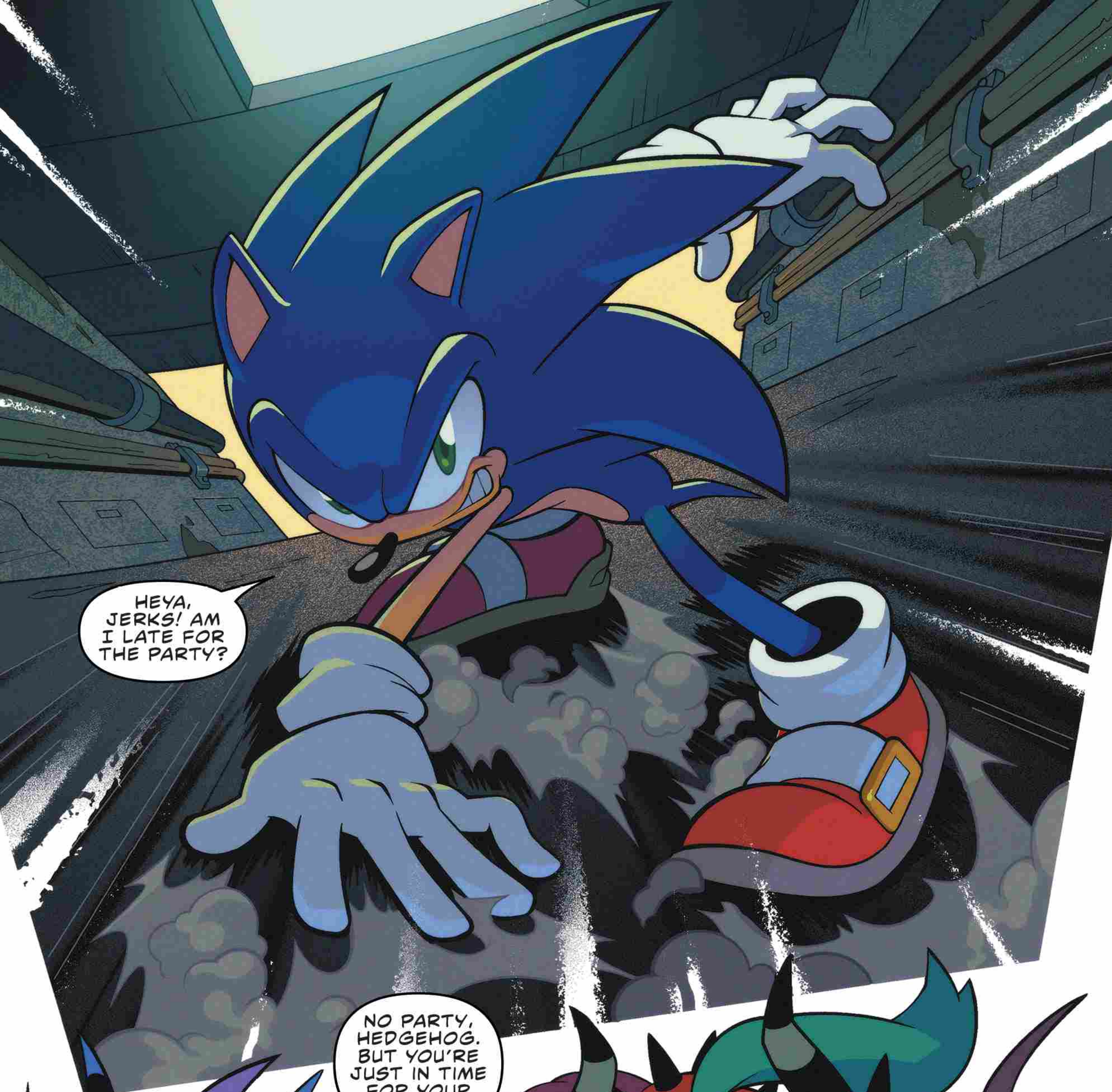












HEYA,
JERKS! AM
I LATE FOR
THE PARTY?

NO PARTY,
HEDGEHOG.
BUT YOU'RE
JUST IN TIME
FOR YOUR
FUNERAL.



NEXT TIME:
SONIC VS.
THE DEADLY SIX!



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Hello, Sonic Friends! The Zeti are in the building, this is not a drill! Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Matt Froese, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee for part two of "Zeti Hunt"! Now, let's check out your letters and art!

Hi I am eight years old and my sister is five. I have been a Sonic fan since I was four. I started playing *Sonic 2* on my dad's phone and loved it ever since. My favorite game is *Sonic Mania*. My favorite character is Sonic and my sisters is Amy. I have tons of Sonic stuff like watches, clocks, shirts, socks, hats, and comics. Our dad reads us Sonic comics and our favorite arc so far is the metal infection. Keep up the great work, we look forward to the new comic!

Kaiden and Makinley

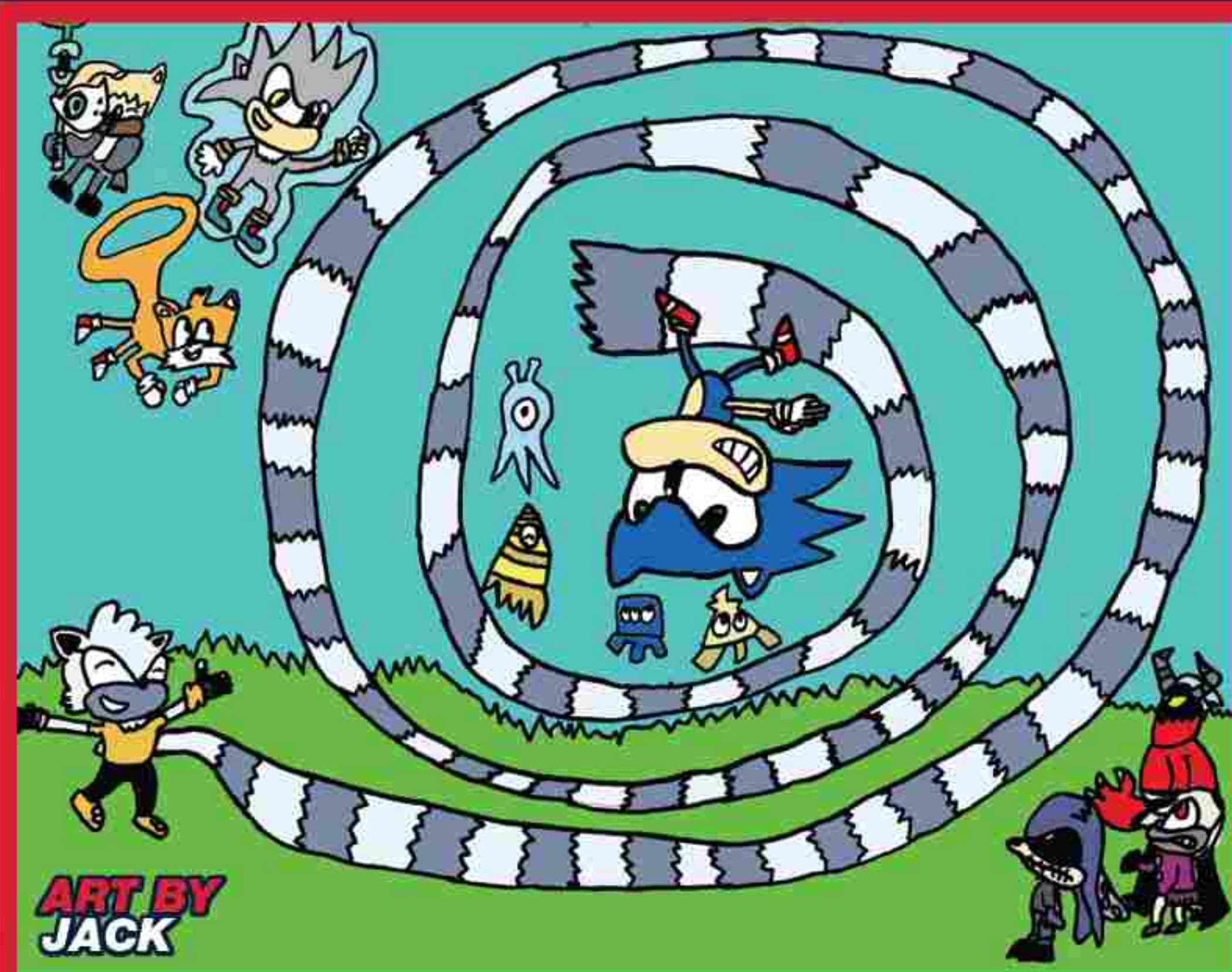


Hi, Kaiden and Makinley! You two are so cute! Thank you for getting all your Sonic stuff out to show us, your collection is awesome. It looks like you'll never run out of stuffed animals to cuddle or comics to read. Sonic is a great favorite character, I mean, he's just way past cool, right? And Amy is such a great leader and fighter! I hope you two continue to enjoy the comic, thank you for your letter!

P.S. Did you hear that Sonic Colors is going to be on the Switch soon? Maybe you'll have a new favorite game after that!

I'm such a bundle of emotions right now. I just read the finale of "Test Run" just minutes after it released digitally and I just. I love Belle. I love Tangle. And of course I love Sonic and Amy and Tails.

And most of all? I love Evan Stanley's writing. Everything from the action scene to Belle's nervous talk to Eggman's extraordinarily written self-congratulatory rant were expertly done. Every



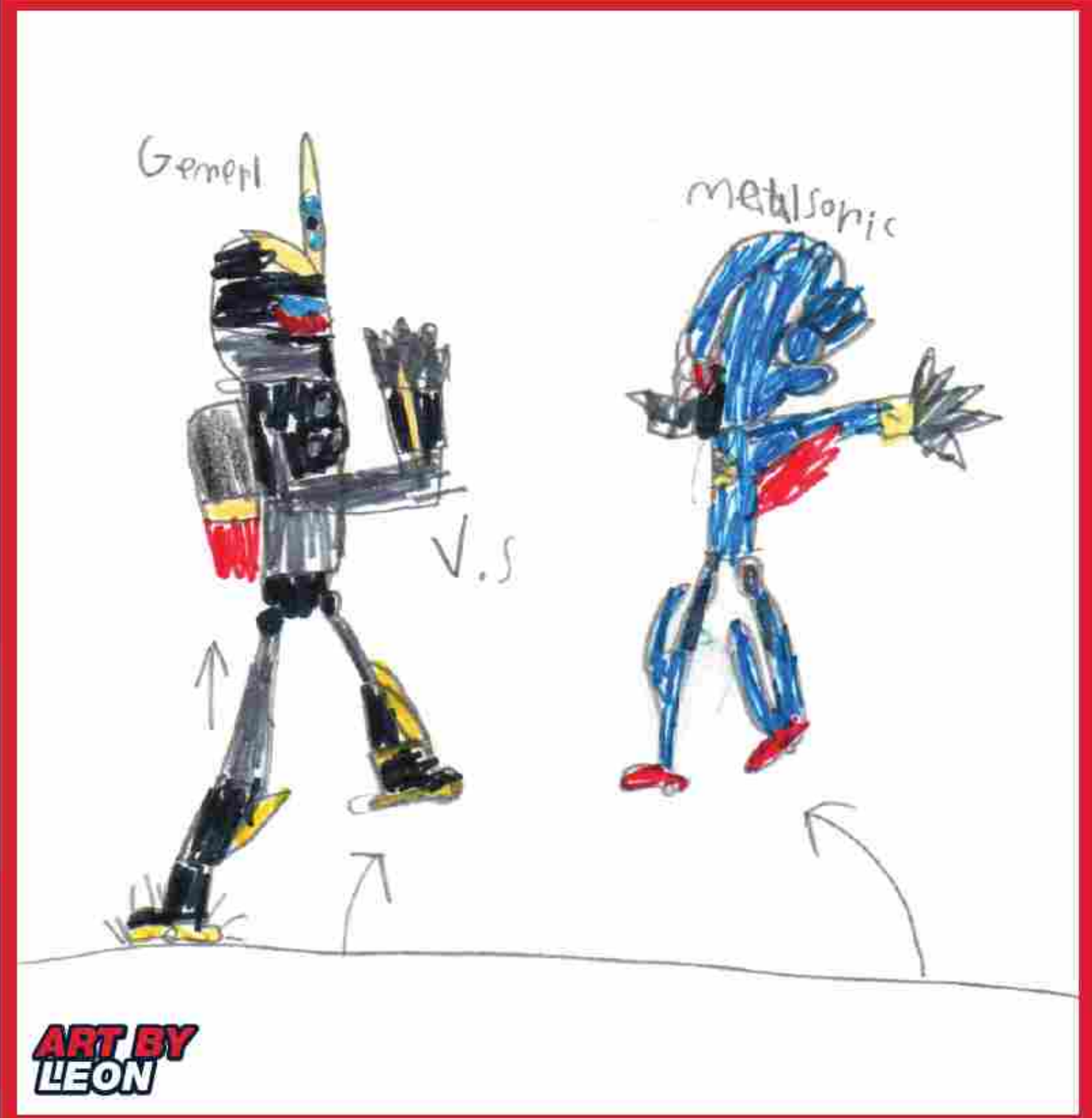
time she writes I'm reminded of why I love this series. She's truly why I come back to the comic time and again.

Thank you for this comic. Thank you Evan Stanley for understanding Sonic in a way few comic writers ever have. Thank you.

Cluster

Hi, Cluster: Wow! What kind words for Evan. I have to agree. One of the things she's best at is getting to the emotional core of every character. It makes for wonderful stories but as a reader... it sometimes breaks your heart! Now that Belle knows the truth about her "dad," do you think she'll move on and become part of the





Restoration? Or does part of her still hope for Mr. Tinker? Oh, I can't wait to see more character development from her!

Hey Sonic Team!

My name is DK and I have been a fan of the Blue Blur ever since I first picked up my Sega Genesis Controller when I was a kid. Since then Sonic has been a huge part of my life and I have to say that I am loving the new stories in which the Blue Blur finds himself. I've recently been getting good at making perler art and so in honored of his Anniversary, I thought I would share some way past cool coasters I made that I'm going to give out to my own friends at our party to celebrate Sonic's Anniversary!

What do you think?
DK

Hi, DK! Whoa, these perler coasters are way past cool. I can't believe you're having a 30th Anniversary Party for Sonic, that sounds so fun. I'm a bit jealous! Does it involve lots of chili dogs and Chao soda? I'd avoid loop-de-loops, though... especially if you have a stomach full of chili dogs... Thank you for your kind words and have fun at your party!

Hi Sonic Team,

My name is Leon, I'm 8 years old.

I think Gemerl is pretty awesome with a cool but strange name. And Cream is pretty adorable.

I really like your Sonic comic books, and they really sound awesome.

But not only are they awesome, they are inspiring.

I have a few questions for you:

- 1) How can I get the numbers that are sold out in the comic store?
- 2) What inspires you to make comics? I like to make comics myself, and I would like to know.

Thank you for making this comic! Your comics are pretty cool.

I made a fanart for you, hope you like it!

Stay safe!!
Leon.

Hi, Leon! Thank you for thinking our comics are awesome and inspiring and cool, that's the best compliment ever. To answer your questions: sometimes other comic stores will have older issues, and sometimes you can find copies online, but the best way is to get the trade paperbacks that collect multiple issues. As far as inspiration goes... the best advice I ever got was from a teacher who told me "The best writers are readers." Basically, reading comics that other people have created can inspire you to make comics of your own. Sometimes you'll see a cool dialogue balloon or panel that will inspire new ideas or drawings that you may have never thought of before. You're off to a good start, though, with reading Sonic. Good luck with your comic!

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, SONIC versus THE DEADLY SIX "Zeti Hunt" part three!



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